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Applicant: Ernest Voisin

Serial No.: 09/ 121,725

Filed: July 24, 1998

For: A Process of Elimination of Bacteria  
In Shellfish, of Shucking Shellfish and  
An Apparatus Therefor

Group Art Unit: 1761

Examiner: Drew Becker

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To the Honorable Commissioner  
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**REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING**

The appellant respectfully requests an oral hearing pursuant to 37 CFR 1.194. A check in the amount of \$135 accompanies this request. The Patent Office is respectfully requested to notify the appellant's representative on the proposed scheduled date of the hearing, so that suitable travel arrangements can be made.

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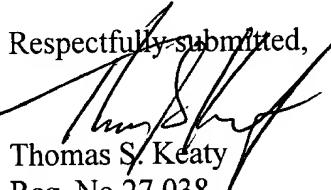
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